A True Table of all such FEES

As are DUE, or can be CLAIMED in any

BISHOPS-COURTS,

In all Cases; As they were Given in to the Commissioners of His Majesty

King CHARLES the First, Nov. 1630.

By the Commissaries, Registers, Proctors, &c.

UNDER THEIR OWN HANDS IN THE STAR-CHAMBER.

Necessary to be known by all Persons liable to be Concerned in the said BISHOPS-COURTS.

IS no part of the Scope of this Sheet, to debate the Legality, Expediency or Inconveniency of those Courts and Jurisdictions, commonly called, *Spiritual* or *Ecclesiastick*, as they are now managed: Nor whether the Persons that hold them, and grant forth *Citations* in their own Names and Stiles, and not in the KINGS, do not thereby Incur the Penalty of a *Præmunire*; But its Business is, to Present you an Exact Copy of their FEES, as they were stated by themselves to certain Commissioners, appointed by King *CHARLES* the First, to Inspect them, *Novemb.* 1630. Which Table being long since and as much as in them lies, 'tis thought fit to Re-print the same from the Original first Printed *Anno Domini* 1631.

Cases of *Instance*, that is, between Party and Party.	*To the Commissary.* s. d.	*To the Register.* s. d.	*To the Apparitor.* d.
Primis, For Decreeing the Original Citation, and for Sealing of it	00—06	00—06	00
For Decreeing the Original Citation in a Matrimonial Cause with an Inhibition, and for Sealing of it	01—00	01—00	00
For the Decree of every Party principal	00—09	00—09	00
For every Decree *Vis & Modis*	00—09	00—09	00
For every *Excommunication* or Suspension in Writing	00—09	00—09	04 {only at the Release.
For every *Absolution* from an Excommunication or Suspension	00—09	00—09	04
For *Letters Testimonal* to be made upon a Search, or any other Cause	05—08	06—08	00
For the *Oath* of every *Witness* upon any matter	00—00	00—00	02
For Examination of every *First Witness* upon any matter	00—09	00—09	00
For Examination of every other Witness	00—4½	00—4½	00
For the Examination of Witnesses upon Interrogatories	00—09	00—09	00
For the Examination of every Party principal	00—09	00—09	00
For the Oath of every Party principal	00—00	00—00	02
For the Copy of every Witness upon any matter produced and examined	00—00	00—08	00
For the Copy of the Parties principal Answer	00—00	01—00	00
For every Commission for the Examination of a Party principal or Witnesses, or for the Prizing of Goods of a Deceased, or to take the Oath of a Party upon an Inventory, or Accompts, or any other matter	05—00	05—00'	00
For the Constitution of a Proctor	00—00	00—04	00
For Exhibition of every Proxy in Writing	00—00	00—02	00
For every Act	00—00	00—04	00
For every Act upon the opening or recovering of a Prohibition, Consultation, or any others of the King's Writs	15—00	15—00	00
For every Definitive Sentence, and Interlocutory Decree	05—00	05—00	12 {For a Delay.
For every *Significavit* to the Chancery, for the Taking and Imprisoning of an Excommunicate Person in any Cause, as well of *Instance* as *Office*	05—00	05—00	00
For every *Significavit* to the Chancery, for the Freedom and Inlargement of an Excommunicate Person in any Cause, as well *Instance* as *Office*	05—00	05—00	00
For the Copy of every Order of Pennance	06—00	06—00	12 {To see it Executed
For Transmitting every Process, *Judicis a quo ad Judicem ad quem*, to the Register, according to the Taxation of the Judge *ad quem*, or according to Composition between the Register and the Party Appellant	00—00	13—00	00
For the Seal of the Judge *a quo*, set to the Process Transmitted	06—08	00—00	00
For all Letters of Guardianship under Seal	06—08	06—08	00

In Causes of *Office*, that is, where the Court proceeds of its own Accord, and 'tis not between Party and Party.	*To the Commissary.* s. d.	*To the Register.* s. d.	*To the Apparitor.* d.
IMprimis, For every Original Citation and Appearance of every Party	00—06	00—06	04
Item, For every Decree, *Vis & Modis*	00—09	00—09	04
Item, For every Excommunication or Suspension under Seal	00—09	00—09	04
Item, For every Absolution from an Excommunication or Suspension	00—09	00—09	00
Item, For Letters Testimonial to be made upon any Cause, and for writing them, if the Cause so require	06—08	06—08	00
Item, For the Examination of every Party principal	00—09	00—09	00
Item, For the Copy of every Parties principal Answer	00—00	01—00	00
Item, For the Oath of every Party principal	00—00	00—00	02
Item, For drawing of Proxy for Appearance at all Visitations and Synods	00—00	02—06	00
Item, For the Exhibition and Consignation of every Proxy in Writing at the Visitations and Synods onely	00—00	00—04	00
Item, For Registring the Names of the Churchwardens and Sidemen of every Parish	00—00	00—04	04 {for warning of them.
Item, For every Certificate made to the Bishop by the Commissary for the Commutation of any Pennance	06—08	06—08	12
Item, When any Pennance is Commuted by the Bishop, and the Commutation extended to the Commissary	10—00	10—00	00
Item, For the writing of any Bond taken for the Indempnity of the Judge, or his Commissary upon any Cause	00—00	01—00	00
Item, For every Act passed in Court	00—00	00—04	00
Item, For every Faculty that grants Licence, except for Teaching	05—00	05—00	00
Item, For Exhibiting every Bill of Presentments at the Visitation onely	00—00	00—04	00
Item, For the Purgation of every Person to whom Purgation is assigned, and for his own hand	00—09	00—09	04
Item, For every Compurgator first sworn, and for his hand	00—09	00—09	02
Item, For every other Compurgator	00—06	00—06	02
Item, For every Intimation sent out for all those that will object against a Purgation of any man and his Compurgators	01—03	01—03	04
Item, For a Dismission of every Man out of the Court for any Cause whatever	00—06	00—06	04
Item, For any Search made by the Register for any Act of Court, or any other Instrument, after a Cause is ended	00—00	01—00	00
Item, For every Sequestration of the fruit of a Benefice, and Publication of the same under Seal	05—00	05—00	12
Item, For Letters Commendatory for a Curate going out of the Jurisdiction	03—04	03—04	00
Item, For every *Caveat* entered	00—00	01—00	00
Item, For the Copy of every Order of Pennance	00—06	00—06	12 {To see it Executed
Item, For Transmitting a Process, *Judice a quo*, to Register according to the Taxation of the *Judge ad quem*, if there be no Composition made betwixt the Register and Party Appellant	00—00	13—00	00

	To the Commissary. s. d.	*To the Register.* s. d.	*To the Apparitor.* d.
Item, For the Seal of the Judge to the same Process	06—08	00—00	00
Item, For the drawing of Articles against any Man Convented of Office, for lawful Proof made of the Truth of them	01—08	01—08	00
Item, For every Act upon the withdrawing of a Caution out of the Registry	00—00	00—11	00
Item, For every Dispensation for Exhibiting of an Inventory into Court	06—08	06—08	00
Item, For an Administration of the Goods of a Deceased, not extending to the Sum of Five Pounds	00—00	00—06	04
Item, For the Administration of the Goods of a Deceased, amounting above the Value of Five Pounds, and under Forty	02—06	02—06	10
Item, For the Administration of the Goods of a Deceased, amounting to Forty Pounds and upwards, let it be as many Thousands as it will, is	06—08	06—08	11
Item, For the Probat of a Will, where the Value doth not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds	00—00	00—06	04
Item, For the Probat of a Will, where the Goods exceed Five Pounds, and not above Forty Pounds	02—06	01—00	10
Item, For the Probat of a Will, where the Goods do exceed the Value of Forty Pounds and upwards, let it be as much as it will	02—06	02—06	10
Item, For the Ingrossing of every Will, according to the length thereof, not exceeding eight Skins, for every large Skin of Parchment	00—00	08—00	00 {For every Skin
Item, For Ingrossing every Inventory and Accompts, according to the length thereof, not exceeding Two shillings for every Press of Parchment	00—00	02—00	00
Item, For Exhibiting of every Inventory, and for subscribing of the same	00—06	00—06	00
Item, For the Copy of every Act extracted out of the Registry under the Register's hand	00—00	01—00	00
Item, For the Copy of every Inventory Testament, Libel, Matter, Allegations, or Articles whatsoever, extracted out of the Register under the Register's hand	00—00	*According to the length thereof.*	00
Item, For Letters of Request made to another Ordinary, to Cite one dwelling out of the Judges Jurisdiction	01—08	01—08	00
Item, For every Renunciation of an Administration of the Goods of a Deceased, or an Executor of a Will Admitted and Enacted	00—06	00—06	00
Item, For every Decree made upon the distribution of Goods amongst the next of Kin, and for Registring the same	06—08	06—08	00
Item, The Fee of a Proctor every Court-day, in which he is Retained upon any Cause whatsoever, is	01—00	00—00	00

And no more; Therefore they Abuse you, when they take Ten Groats.

☞ And indeed there is scarce one of all these Particulars, but the Officers belonging to these Courts, do now Demand, Take and Extort most Unjustly *Greater Fees* than are here set down, which yet are that themselves had the Confidence to ask or pretend due, in the Time of King *CHARLES* the First; since which Time, They have not any Colour of Law, Reason or Authority, to have them increased. Therefore if any of them shall for the future Demand, or Take any Fees, Duties or Sums of Money more or greater, than are here set down, let the Party grieved forthwith Indict them for *Extortion*; the only way to Curb the *Avarice* and *Oppression* of greedy devouring *Locusts*, who, like the Sons of the *Horse-Leech*, always Cry, *Give! Give!* till with tedious Vexations they undo those they can get into their *Birdlime-Clutches*.

FINIS.

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